OBSERVATION

Hide-and-Seek

Can you find the deer in this picture?

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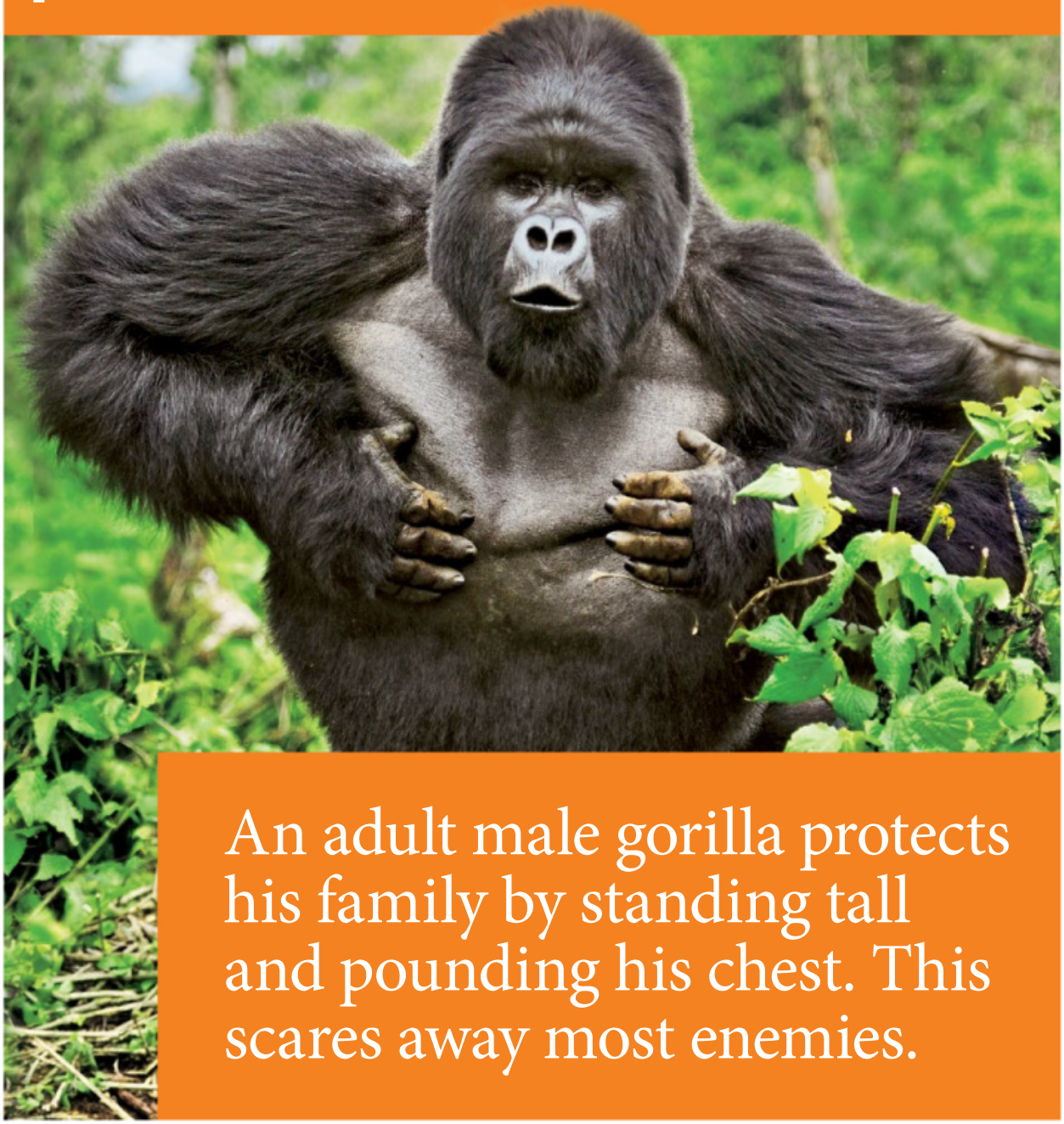
Why?

Why do you think a male gorilla pounds his chest?



An adult male gorilla protects his family by standing tall and pounding his chest. This scares away most enemies.

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What Is Different?

Look at each picture in the top row.
Find the differences between it and the one below.

Find one difference.

Find two differences.

Find three differences.

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That's Cool!

Meet the Komodo dragon.

Komodo dragons are the world's largest lizard. They can weigh more than your mom.

CLAWS

Long claws and sharp teeth help it catch food.

This lizard uses its forked tongue to "sniff" for food.

TONGUE

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NAMING

What in the World Are These?

_LOWNFISH

_EAHORSE

_CTOPUS

_RAB

_ELLYFISH

_OLPHIN

_EA TURTLE

_EA STAR

_TINGRAY

NAME OTHER ANIMALS THAT LIVE IN THE OCEAN.

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A SEA OTTER Takes a Bath

Sea otters eat clams, crabs, snails, and octopus.

Sea otters live in the ocean. Their thick fur keeps them warm and dry.

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A sea otter bathes many times a day to keep its fur clean. It twists. It turns. It rolls to rinse.

Mother sea otters lick and fluff their baby's fur to keep it clean.

An otter uses its mouth, paws, and claws to rub, scrub, and comb the fur. It bends its body to clean all over.

RUBBING

SEA URCHIN

Sea otters float on their backs to eat. They use their bellies like a table.

The otter even spins while it is eating to clean food from its belly. After dinner, it is time for another bath.

ARTO HAKOLA / ALAMY (ROLLING); HAL BERAL / VWPICS / ALAMY (RUBBING); NORBERT WU / MINDEN PICTURES (EATING); SUZI ESZTERHAS / MINDEN PICTURES (MOM AND BABY)

ACT LIKE AN

Follow the instructions after you find the animal body parts in pictures below.

Tug on your ears when you find the fox's ears.

Stretch your neck when you find the giraffe's neck.

Blink your eyes when you find the frog's eyes.

Stick out your tongue when you find the chameleon's tongue.

Wiggle your rump when you find the bear's rump.

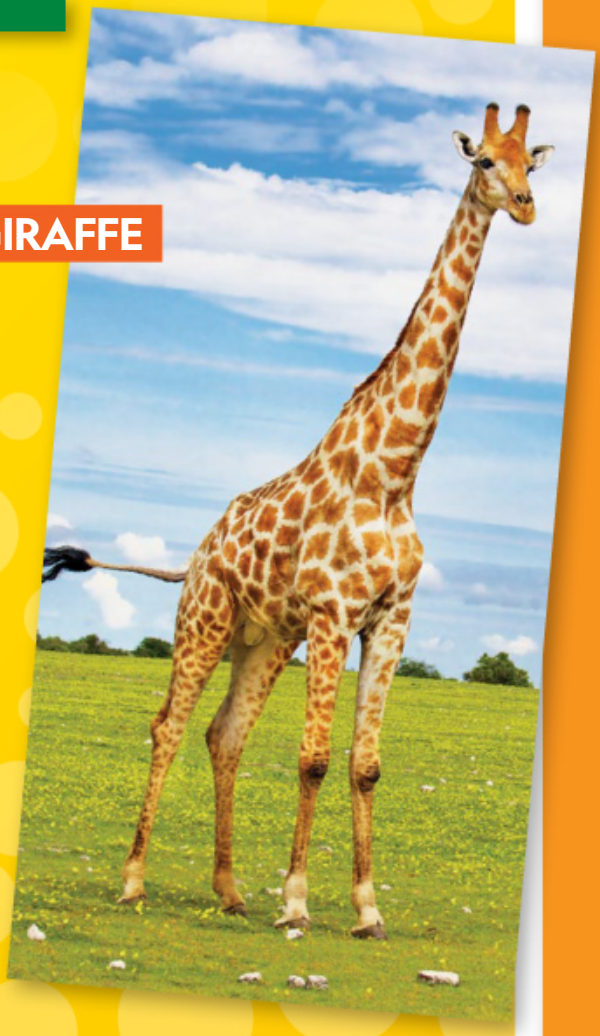
RED-EYED TREE FROG

BROWN BEAR

ANIMAL

RED FOX

GIRAFFE



VEILED CHAMELEON

What other parts of the body can you find in these pictures?

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CLIFF CLIMBERS

The mountain goat climbs up the cliff. The cliff becomes steep. Soon the goat clings to a ledge that is only as wide as your thumb.

But it is OK. This is easy for the mountain goat.

Mountain goats live on cliffs high in mountains.

Male mountain goats are called billies. Females are called nannies. The babies are called kids.

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Mountain goats have large squishy footpads. Their feet work like the world's best climbing shoes to grip rocks and leap from ledge to ledge.

A baby mountain goat can climb too. It follows its mother wherever she climbs.

OTHER MOUNTAIN ANIMALS

GIANT PANDA

Mountain goats live in the mountains. Here are a few other animals that live high up in the mountains.

MARMOT

SNUB-NOSED MONKEY

MOUNTAIN LION

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STARTING S

Make the sound of each letter below. Name each picture and listen to the first sound in the word. Draw a line with your finger from the letter to the picture that starts with the same sound.

B .....

BOOK

C D S G P F

FORK

PIZZA

GUITAR

CAT

CORAMAX / SHUTTERSTOCK (BOOK); CYNOCLUB / SHUTTERSTOCK (FAN); BLESSINGS / SHUTTERSTOCK (GIRL); TASHKA2000 / DREAMSTIME (FORK); WHITE RABBIT83 / SHUTTERSTOCK (PIZZA);

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DOG

GIRL

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A CICADA G

1

A female cicada lays her eggs in slits she makes in a tree twig.

2

The baby cicada, called a nymph, hatches and falls from the tree. The nymph digs down. It lives and grows underground.

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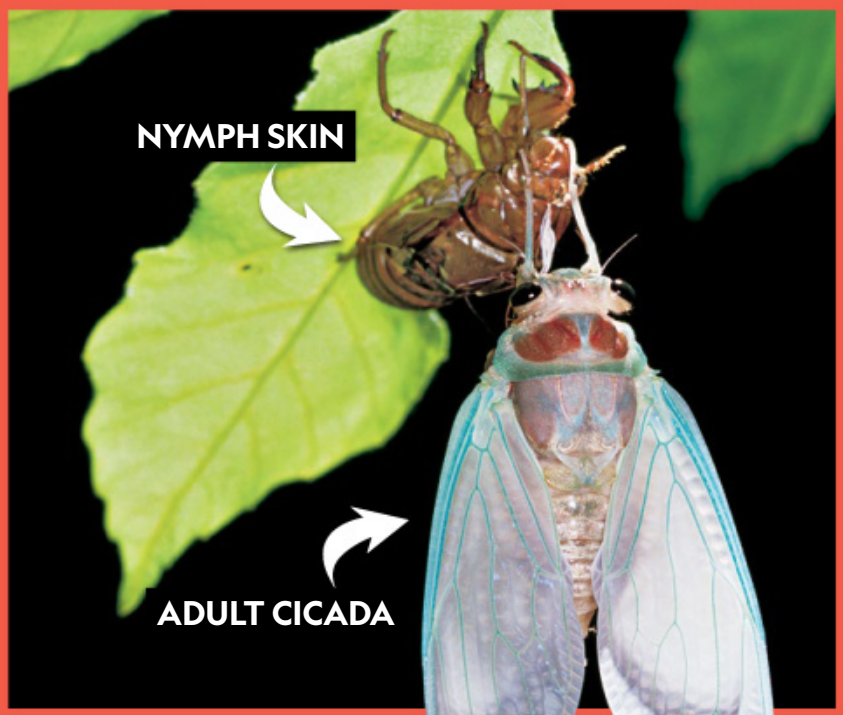
LARGE BROWN CICADA

3

After a few years, the nymph digs up to the surface and climbs a tree. There it squeezes out of its nymph skin.



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Now it is a full-grown cicada that can fly away. The bug will turn darker soon.

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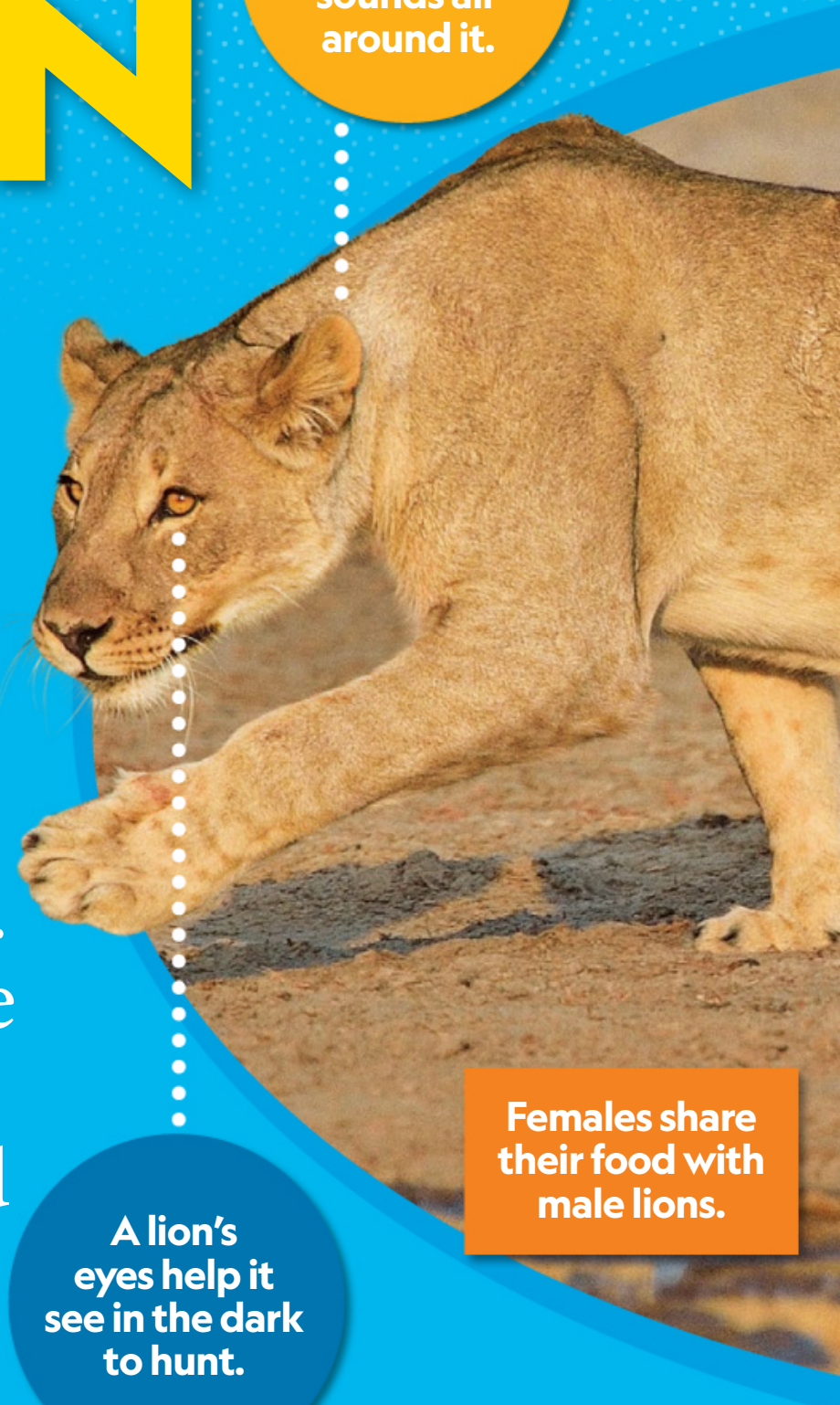
ANATOMY

LION

Lions live in groups of moms, aunts, sisters, cubs, and one or two males. The females hunt together. Here are some reasons why lions are good hunters.



The ears twist to help the lion hear sounds all around it.

Females share their food with male lions.

A lion's eyes help it see in the dark to hunt.

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Its fur color helps it hide as it sneaks up on prey.

Only adult male lions have manes.

Strong legs help lions run fast and jump far to catch prey.

Pads on the bottom of the feet help it move quietly.

The long tail helps it balance as it runs and jumps.

DUCK, DUCK, GO

Look at each bird. Draw a line with your finger from each duck to the one it matches. Now find a goose that matches another.

WOOD DUCK

CANADA GOOSE

MANDARIN DUCK

SAME BUT DIFFERENT

- Ducks and geese are birds that live mostly in water.
- Many ducks are more colorful than geese.
- Geese have longer necks than ducks.

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RUDDY DUCK

MALLARD

Can you talk like a goose?

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WILD CARDS

MARGAY

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margay

FUN FACTS

This wild cat is a little bigger than a large pet cat. The margay is a good tree climber. It can even climb down a tree headfirst.

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WILD CARDS

WHITE PELICAN

white pelican

FUN FACTS

This water bird is one of North America's largest. Its wings stretch nine feet. That's about as wide as three twin beds.

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WILD CARDS

SLOW LORIS

slow loris

FUN FACTS

A slow loris moves around slowly at night looking for fruit and other food. During the day it curls up tightly in a tree to sleep.

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SHORT-BEAKED COMMON DOLPHIN

short-beaked common dolphin

FUN FACTS

Sometimes groups of 10,000 short-beaked common dolphins swim together. These huge groups are called megapods.

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WILD CARDS

SNOWSHOE HARE

snowshoe hare

FUN FACTS

In the summer this hare is brown. In the winter its fur turns white. The hare blends in with plants in the summer and snow in winter.

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WILD CARDS

TROPICAL BANDED TREE SNAKE

tropical banded tree snake

FUN FACTS

This snake is arboreal, which means it lives in trees. At night it hunts for lizards to eat.

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